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Senator Claire McCaskill United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill:

Thank you for your July 21, 2014, letter to the Secretary of Defense regarding increased accountability and transparency into the costs associated with using contractors. On August 4, 2014, the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Ms. Stephanie Barna, wrote you on the Secretary's and my behalf indicating that we were gathering the information necessary to provide you with a comprehensive response to each of the eight questions you posed in your letter.

We are committed to providing you with the most accurate and up to date information and have compiled the data requested. However, due to the complex nature of our efforts, there are a number of stakeholders across the Department involved in this effort and we are ensuring our response to you is appropriately coordinated with them.

I anticipate providing a fully coordinated and complete response to you within the next three weeks. Once again, thank you for your support of the men and women of the Department of Defense, and your continued interest in this critical area.

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